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In re Patent Application of:

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Art Unit: 2623

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE

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Examiner: W. J. Tucker

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 1), Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be reconsidered in view of the remarks which follow, that each of the presently pending claims be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

**REMARKS**

This communication is a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated June 1, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 1), the period for response being extended through a Request for One-Month Extension of Time submitted herewith. Claims 1-8 are pending where claims 1, 4, and 7 are independent.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of *Okada et al.*—U.S. Patent No. 6,704,463 and *Nakami et al.*—U.S. Patent No. 6,510,254. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.